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MINUTES OF
MISSISSIPPI GULF FISHING BANKS, INC.
BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

November 10th, 2016

ATTENDANCE:

Ralph Humphrey, President

David Andrews

Mark Miller

Tim Knighten

Robert Fishman

Frank Becker

Jay Trochesset

Brian Bounds

Jimmy Sanders

Craig Gusa

Austin Fox

Darlene West, Secretary

Alva Bennett

Charles McMillon, Sr.

F.J. Eicke

Bob Brown

Tom Becker

C. Alan McMillon, Sr.

Carly Somerset

Mike McDavid

Marty McGrath

Jason Jones

The meeting of November 10th, 2016 was called to order by Ralph Humphrey, President.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Copies of the financial statement were distributed and reviewed by the members. Ralph Humphrey asked Darlene West to update the group on the USM outstanding invoices. Ms. West informed the group that we did receive payment on the three outstanding invoices totaling \$10,100.00. Ms. West said it isn't showing on the current bank statement because we did not receive payment until November 3rd and that it will show a deposit on the December statement. A motion was made to accept the financial statement as is by David Andrews. Motion was seconded and carried upon vote.

MINUTES

Copies of the minutes were distributed and reviewed by the members. A motion was made to accept the minutes as is by Alva Bennett. Motion was seconded and carried upon vote.

STIMULUS MONEY

Ralph Humphrey said he hasn't talked to Marty McGrath or Robert Smith since the last time we got together. Mr. Humphrey asked Marty McGrath if he had any discussions with Mr. Smith. Mr. McGrath said he didn't think there was any update right now and said that on next Tuesday is when the restore council is going to unveil the projects for the upcoming year. Mr. Humphrey said he plans to attend the council meeting and he would try to get in touch with Mr. Smith before then.

FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT AND CROWD SOURCING

Ralph Humphrey said the GoFundMe account is still at \$830.

CHANGING BYLAWS

Ralph Humphrey gave the following background for members on the bylaws. We've had multiple meeting and multiple discussions about the bylaws and hammered the bylaws out. They are done. Tim Knighten said he wanted to go into more detail about the responsibilities of the Board of Directors and Officers. That's the only thing we have left to discuss concerning the bylaws. Last month, Tim Knighten provided us with a generic piece of paper. Mr. Humphrey went online and found a pretty good template for nonprofit Board of Directors and Officers duties. Mr. Humphrey said he had sent it to Darlene and thought that we had sent it out to everyone in advance. But we didn't.

Mr. Humphrey brought his copy and also had a few copies made and wanted to go through the document with the group. Mr. Humphrey said we could go through it today or the copies can be taken home to review and we will also make sure a copy goes out to everyone by email and it can be addressed in January. Mark Miller suggested emailing the document to the group and addressing the matter in January. Mr. Humphrey said that was fine.

USM CONTRACT

Mr. Humphrey stated that as Darlene West explained a moment ago we have been paid for services rendered up to this most recent deployment that Mark Miller did. Mr. Humphrey said Mr. Miller would go over that in new business. Darlene West said she had talked to Scott Milroy and Mr. Milroy said USM pays

better on anticipated billing. After discussion with Mr. Milroy, Ms. West said yesterday she billed USM for \$3900 and that should cover the next dive trips to retrieve the rest of the data recorders.

SOUTH OF SQUASH CHANNEL

Kenny Barhanovich had mentioned at a previous meeting that they fish a lot in the spring and that we need to put something south of Squash Channel, like a barge or something around FH14. Ralph Humphrey said we would keep this open. Jimmy Sanders said he had something to add in new business.

FUNDRAISING WITH FADS, ETC.

Ralph Humphrey said he had mentioned in the last meeting he had called Allison Monroe and they kind of dropped the ball on our permit situation and requested Mr. Humphrey send them a letter outlining what we want to do. Mr. Humphrey said he has since had a conversation with Phillip Hedgy with the Corps of Engineers in Mobile and they're working on it. Mr. Humphrey said he also plans to get with Willow Brantley regarding the state permits around the first of the year. Mr. Humphrey also stated after communicating with the Corps that we do have it in writing that we are allowed to deploy aluminum hull vessels right now under the permits that we have.

DMR FREE MATERIAL

Jimmy Sanders said he is still in contact with Oscar Renda, a DOA contract has been drafted and he's waiting on information from them. Mr. Sanders said it's pretty hard to get information out of them but they're still negotiating.

GRANT NOTICE DOCUMENTATION

Mr. Humphrey said as mentioned previously he's going to get ahold of Robert Smith and see where we stand on this. Mr. Humphrey asked Marty McGrath if he had heard anything from Kara Lankford with Ocean Conservancy. Mr. McGrath said she hasn't answered his email back yet.

TWO VESSELS TO DONATE

Ralph Humphrey reminded the group Jimmy Taylor had previously said he knew of a couple of vessels that may be donated. Mr. Taylor is not present today for the meeting. Mr. Humphrey said we can take both of them now that the Corps

has said we can deploy aluminum vessels and hopefully Mr. Taylor will be at the next meeting so we can discuss it.

FALL BANQUET

Ralph Humphrey informed everyone the Fall Banquet was set for tomorrow night at DaBayou Bar & Grill. Final details were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

SNAPPER REPORT

Carly Somerset said these are preliminary results for 2016 private recreational federal season. Ms. Somerset stated the federal season was 160,000 pounds, Tails n Scales had around 60,000, federal for hire was about 8,000. Ms. Somerset stated the charter goes in two-month weigh periods and the federal for hire was part of June and July so she couldn't compare charter. Jay Trocheset asked if that's what they said was caught in Mississippi or the whole Gulf. Ms. Somerset said Mississippi. Mr. Trocheset said they were only off by a hundred thousand pounds.

Ms. Somerset said she compared 2015 and she put in estimators to account for misreporting, underreporting, etc. Ms. Somerset said 2016 was 102 days total, 2015 was 153 days. Ms. Somerset said 2016 total harvest 107,122; 2015 total harvest was 97,000; number of fish harvested 2016 almost 17,000; number of fish for 2015 was a little over 17,000; average weight went up; average length increased; last year's trips 2,184; this year over 3,000; the effort was about the same; the harvest was about the same. Ms. Somerset stated we had more people in the system, the effort and harvest were about the same but we had more trips and that shows a really strong, stable recreational fishery.

Ms. Somerset said June 29th they started their certification process. Ms. Somerset said it's NOAA, Alabama and four external consultants and they go through the methods, estimators, validation process and everything to certify Tails n Scales as a valid way to get red snapper harvest totals.

DIVE REPORT

Mark Miller presented his dive report to the members. A copy was submitted for the minutes.

GULF COUNCIL PRIVATE RECREATIONAL AP LIST

F.J. Eicke asked the group if they've seen the list that's on the AP recreational panel that the Gulf Council came out with. Mr. Eicke reviewed the list with the members.

NEW ORLEANS BARGE TO DONATE

Jimmy Sanders said he was contacted last month by a person out of New Orleans who has a barge he's wanting to donate. Mr. Sanders stated he hasn't looked at it yet or discussed anything with the guy but the deck barge is 75x43x14. Mr. Sanders said he is trying to get with the guy next week sometime. Ralph Humphrey asked if the DMR would be able to fund it. Mr. Sanders said it looks promising, it depends on how much he wants for it.

ROBERTS MATERIAL

Mark Miller said that Skip Roberts has some material that's become available. Mr. Miller said he gave the information to Jimmy Sanders because they would probably have to go through the state in order to donate it. Mr. Miller said it looks like some tanks and stuff like that. Mr. Sanders said he would look into it.

Motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded and carried upon vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary